

Sinclair Broadcasting's forcing their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary just before the election shows us the dangers of media consolidation. The public airwaves are free of charge, and Sinclair is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Unfortunately, when large companies control the airwaves, we don't get what we need for our democracy. Instead of mass-produced news, we need to see local people talking about the issues that matter to us.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules. The license renewal process should include a serious review of each stations performance as a vehicle for democracy. Thank you.